



Matthew's Church of England Primary School

# News from St Matthew's

Whatever you do, do it with all your heart. Colossians 3:23

# Autumn Term 2024

## Music Concerts

Year 5 was invited to a Jazz Concert at Ipswich School. The children had the opportunity to meet musicians who play with Jools Holland. Year 4 attended Body Percussion Workshops.



## Diwali

The children in KS1 celebrated Diwali with dancing, food tasting, henna patterns and making diya lamps.



## Chaplaincy

Aimee is our new Chaplain. She is in school every Wednesday and Thursday. She organises our Starfish coaching programme, supports Collective Worship and leads the Church School Council.



## Harvest

The Church School Council and Aimee helped lead our Harvest Service, along with Lorna from St Matthew's Church. Once again we collected a large amount of food to donate to the charity FIND.



## Children's University

Mr Hammond has successfully relaunched the Children's University in October, with 185 pupils from across the school signing up to take part. They are enjoying a range of fun learning activities at home and we have received positive feedback from many parents.



## Victorian School Day

Year 1 experienced being a child in a Victorian School. They were taught by a Victorian teacher Mrs White during the morning. The children thought she was a little strict but found her singing very funny. They enjoyed baking oat raisin biscuits for their parents who came into school during the afternoon.



## Boys Football Team

Our boys football team started the season at U11 7-a-side tournament. After losing their first group game the boys knew they had to respond. And went on to win their next 4 group games. We came second in the tournament - an outstanding achievement coming second out of the 18 schools attending.



## School Council

The new School Council is well established and has been meeting monthly with Miss Zych. They are continuing with the eco school initiative and ensuring we are being environmentally aware.

School Council members take part in a weekly litter pick, and they are busy ensuring we turn off lights and interactive screens. They are going to work with the Eco Team at St Matthew's Church to develop the Spiritual Garden.

## Meet this year's St. Matthew's School Council



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## Tennis with Justice Hall and Nino Severino

Children in Year 5 and 6 had a masterclass in tennis with Nino Severino from the Elena Baltacha Academy. Justice Hall, a former pupil joined Nino for the session, the children thought this was amazing and asked her lots of questions. It was very exciting as BBC Look East filmed the session, below is a link to the news article.

. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/ce8y3ye956po>



## Celebrating Remembrance Day

The Year 5 children have visited classes each daily collecting money for the Royal British Legion and we have thought about why we remember these brave people. Our Badge Club created art work which was displayed in Ipswich Town Centre.

Our Year 6 children were invited to an Act of Remembrance in Christchurch Park on the 11<sup>th</sup> November, they laid a wreath on behalf of the school.



## Black History Month

We celebrated Black History Month – thinking about different people who have stood up for what they believe in.

We heard about Olive Morris and other inspirational people.

